

# Black Community Fact Sheet

## FACTS

- The Labor Force Participation Rate of African-Americans in Utah is 73.9% compared to 63.7% in the U.S. (Wilhelm 2005)
- New population estimates from the U.S. Census Bureau indicate that in 2006 the U.S. minority population topped 100 million. While a large majority of people over age 60 are non-Hispanic white, a substantial and growing proportion of young people are of racial or ethnic minorities. (Population Reference Bureau)
- Utah continues to rank 3<sup>rd</sup> in the top ten states with the highest rate of growth of black buying power between 1990-2006 with a growth of 385.7%. (Humphreys 2006)

## POPULATION

<u>2005 American Community Survey</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE</u>
State of Utah Total Population	2,427,350	100
Black or African American	18,325	.08

### Black Population Trends

2000	2003	2005 Projection
17,657	26,173	31,648
0.8%	1.1%	1.3%
<i>Source: U.S. Census Bureau 2000</i>		

## BUYING POWER

The projected total of Black buying power in the state of Utah (thousands of dollars)

Year	\$\$\$\$\$
2000	324,123
2005	574,317
2010	988,106

## RESOURCES

**Utah Black Chamber of Commerce**  
[www.utahblackchamber.org](http://www.utahblackchamber.org)

**Utah Microenterprise Loan Fund**  
[www.umlf.com](http://www.umlf.com)

**Pete Suazo Business Center**  
[www.petesuazocenter.org](http://www.petesuazocenter.org)

**Office of Ethnic Affairs**  
[www.ethnicoffice.utah.gov](http://www.ethnicoffice.utah.gov)

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